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Applicant: Klaus-Dieter HAMMER et al.

Title: SAUSAGE CASING WITH STARCH OR STARCH DERIVATIVES AND
METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Appl. No.: 09/600,277

Filing Date: July 14, 2000

Examiner: C. Simone

Art Unit: 1772

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- [] Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	29	20	9	x \$18.00	\$162.00
Independents:	1	3	0	x \$84.00	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+	\$280.00	\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					\$162.00

- [] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$400.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$920.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,440.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,960.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$0.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$162.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$162.00

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$162.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$162.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

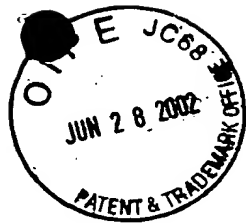
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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

✓
Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Please insert the following new claims.

13. (New) A seamless, tubular food casing which is blown in an area ratio of from 1:2 to 1:10, produced from a thermoplastic mixture which comprises a) thermoplastic starch, a thermoplastic starch derivative or a mixture thereof and b) at least one other polymer selected from the group consisting of a homo- or copolymer comprising hydroxycarboxylic acid units, a polyesterurethane, a polyetherurethane, a polyesteretherurethane and a polyalkylene carbonate of the formula $[-CHR^1-CHR^2-O-CO-O-$